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1. DURING LATE AFTERNOON MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, IN UDINE, ZAMBERLETTI WARMLY THANKED PRINCIPAL OFFICER FOR US AID TO DATE. HE ANTICIPATED THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US LATER ON POSSIBLE FUTURE ASSISTANCE NEEDS, BUT MADE NO REQUEST AT THIS TIME, PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE STILL DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THOSE NEEDS WILL BE. HE DID SAY THAT INTERIOR MINISTER COSSIGA WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF GEOLOGICAL EXPERTS IN MAKING A SURVEY OF THE AREA.

2. FOR THE TIME BEING, ZAMBERLETTI SAID HE IS CONCENTRATING SOLELY ON THE EVACUATION OF THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE. HE EXPECTED TO HAVE ABOUT 50,000 PEOPLE MOVED TO THE ADRIATIC RESORT

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TOWNS OF GRADO, LIGNANO, ETC., BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER

WHICH SPELLS THE END OF THE TENT CITIES EXCEPT WHERE RESIDENTS ABSOLUTELY MUST STAY IN PLACE. ZAMBERLETTI ALSO SAID THAT THE PREFABRICATED AND OTHER HOUSING WOULD BE READY FOR HABITATION BY MARCH 1977.

3. AS FOR LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FRIULI, ZAMBERLETTI SAID THAT HE HAD NOT EVEN BEGUN TO THINK ABOUT THAT. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECREE LAW ON THE FRIULI PASSED SEPTEMBER 17, BY MINISTERS, 165 BILLION LIRE OF ADDITIONAL MONEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FRIULI IN 1976/1977. OF THIS ABOUT 70 BILLION IS EARMARKED FOR PREFABRICATED HOUSING. REMAINING FUNDS ARE FOR MUNICIPAL BUDGET SUPPORT, ECONOMIC STIMULATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC EDUCATION, RAILROADS AND ROADS.

4. ABOVE ALL, THE SAME DECREE LAW GIVES ZAMBERLETTI FULL POWERS IN THE REGION NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO IMMEDIATE AID AND ASSISTANCE QUESTIONS, BUT ALSO WITH REGARD TO THE LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AREA. WHILE ZAMBERLETTI IS EXPECTED TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH REGIONAL AUTHORITIES AND COORDINATE HIS PLANS WITH THEM, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER COMPLETELY THE RECOVERY EFFORT FROM THE REGION WHICH HAS COME UNDER BLISTERING ATTACK LATELY FOR ITS SHORTCOMINGS.

5. DURING THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION, ZAMBERLETTI APPEARED POISED, SUPREMELY SELF-CONFIDENT DESPITE THE OBVIOUS PRESSURES AND HE SEEMED TO BE FULLY IN CHARGE OF THE SITUATION. THE MEETING WAS PUNCTUATED BY TELEPHONE CALLS TO PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND INTERIOR MINISTER COSSIGA WHO APPARENTLY PLEDGED THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO ZAMBERLETTI WHO WILL BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS -- SOMETHING HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS.

6. IMMEDIATE AND NOT LONG-TERM PROBLEMS DOMINATE THE THINKING AND ENERGIES OF ALL CONCERNED. HOWEVER, TO THE EXTENT THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO A LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION PLAN, IT SEEMS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT ANY SUCH PLAN MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FULLY THE PROBLEMS OF THE REGION AT LARGE AND NOT JUST THOSE OF THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE. IT IS WITHIN THIS CONTEXT
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THAT SOME SEE THE POSSIBILITY TO COME TO GRIPS FINALLY WITH THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF TRIESTE WHOSE VERY EXISTANCE IS A FUNCTION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TIES. YET, WHILE TRIESTE HAS FOR THE MOST PART ACCEPTED THE POLITICAL REALITY OF THE POST-WAR PERIOD AND OSIMO, THE ECONOMIC REALITY OF THE ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE RAIL AND ROAD COMMUNICATIONS WITH NORTHERN EUROPE CANNOT BUT INCREASE PESSIMISM ABOUT TRIESTE'S ECONOMIC FUTURE. AND THE HOPE IS THAT THE NECESSARY

WILL BE DONE NOW TO ENSURE TRIESTE S VIABILITY. MOEN

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